ing our high approval of the manner in which Mayor Pritchard has discharged the onerous duties of Chief Magistrate of this city, and that the thanks of this Council be accorded His Worship upon his retirement from office. Carried by a unanimous standing vote.

Mayor Pritchard suitably replied, briefly reviewing the business of the year, and heartily thanking the members for their expression of good will.

Ald. Thompson moved, seconded by Ald. Browne, that a vote of thanks be tendered the retiring Aldermen.

The vote was acknowledged by Ald. Fitzgerald, Sutherland, Jones, Hiscox, Ross, Gray and Minhinnick.

Moved by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Christie, that in the proposed amendment to the Water Works Act a clause be inserted providing that the water works may be transferred from the Commissioners to the Council at any time when a by-law having that object shall have been ratified by the qualified electors. Carried.

The Council then adjourned.

Council Proceedings.

Council Chamber, Jan. 20th, 1879

The new Board of Aldermen for 1879 met in the Council Chamber at twelve o'clock, noon, Monday, His Worship Mayor Lewis in the chair, and the following members present:—Aldermen Pritchard, Campbell, Muirhead, Powell, Thompson, Skinner, Stringer, Taylor, Edleston, Hiscox, Greer, Glass, Gray, Williams, Boyd, Scarrow, Peel, Egan and Raynor.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and signed by the Mayor.

The Mayor appointed Mr. J. B. Schram as auditor for 1879.

Moved by Ald. Thompson, seconded by Ald. Campbell, that Mr. A. G. Smyth be appointed auditor for 1879.

Moved in amendment by Ald. Williams, seconded by Ald. Peel, that Mr. Wm. Hudson be appointed auditor for 1879.

The amendment carried—10 to 9.

Mr. Hudson was declared elected.

Moved by Ald. Campbell, seconded by Ald. Pritchard, that the following Aldermen be appointed a committee to strike standing committees for the year: Ald. Thompson, Skinner, Hiscox, Glass, Williams, Egan and the mover. Carried.

The Council then adjourned till 7.30 this evening.